A SINGLE VOICE FOR THE TEXT.

The Rev. Dr. John Hall the Only Clergyman Who Refutes Dr. Buckley's Statement About the Bible.

Dr. Abbott Says He Would Be Surprised to Hear of a Minister Who Accepts the Book as It Stands.

The Editor of the Christian Advocate Has More to Say About the Subject in "The Sensations of an Alleged Heretic."

Bible was the general topic of conversation in religious circles yesterday. Since Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Chrisrian Advocate, at a meeting of the Methodist ministers held in the building of the faith in the authenticity of the book-Methodist Book Concern on Monday, advanced the belief that the English version of the Bible was not infallible, he has been the most widely discussed clergyman in the country. Strange to say, he is unanimously supported in his belief by the ministers, who, so far, have talked on the subject. Dr. Buckly will have this to say, as editor of the Christian Advocate, in its lasue to-day under the headline, "The Sensations of an Alleged Heretic."

Nover before have we discerned, except by observation and imagination, the peculiar fascination which the charge of heresy brings to budding genius. But to-day (Tues-day) the writer has had an inside view, and can forever sympathize with the joys of the obscure youth who exclaimed with delight to his sweethear: "Now, my congregation will swell. The papers have called me a beretic!" For the writer happened to say what John Wesley and Adam Clarke said many years before he was born, that the English version of the Bible is not absolutely nfallible; and nothing since the last prize

The infidels hold out the olive branch, the "Hberal Christians" (those who believe what pleases them, and remand the rest to myth, parable ,or allegory) compliment the lofty telligence that could discern that King James's translators were not as pens in the hand of Deity (though they confess their fal-libility in the introduction to their work.)

The writer also said that there is not an original manuscript in the world, all existing ones being copies; hence that the extant ones could not be compared with them; but

the reporters did not get hold of that. On cars, steam and electric and cable, men

The question of the infallibility of the riety and attention from the newspapers than do a hundred thousand men who are teaching the divine truths of the Bible. This I believe is the cause chiefly of the attacks that tend to destroy

> a desire to attract public attention. Rev. Charles H. Eaton, Universalist There is an evolution going on in the mind of men with reference to the Bible. It is only one of the many evidences of the emancipation of reason. We are indebted to science and the growth of Biblical criticism for wiser and more rational news of the Bible. At one time it was an idol which we took down per-iodically, regilded and put back in an imposible niche. To-day the bible has far more influence over men, because, for the first timfle, we are interpreting It in the light of reason, history and experience. I do not believe that there has been any period in the history of Christianity when the Essential Bible has more influence than to-day. When the infallibility of the Bible became a doctrine it was an attempt to find a substitute for the infallible Pope. Reason says there can be no infallible man and no infallible book. The spiritual life of to-day is sweeter stronger and purer than ever before, and this is largely because we are giving less attention to Jonah and the whale and more to the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

Rev. Robert Collyer, Unitarian -I will not admit that an unusual number of people are, at this period, attempting to throw discredit upon the Bible. It is true that there are not now as many hinking people as formerly, who hold to the old dogma of the church that the Bible is infallable, and this is because they lend reason to faith. Reason, says the whale did not swallow Jonah, and the same held good

earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints."

And his personal character, philan-thropic instincts and actions, diversified accomplishments and abundant resources of speech and of the press, render him far more dangerous to the integrity of the Gospel system, and to the influence of the evangelical churches, than any other person who has arisen in this country since the early days of the great Unitarian secession in New England.

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It is true that he closes in a sublime strain: "To be orthodox is to believe that for us men and for our salvation the prophets of old times, spoke the witness in wondrous works was given, and the Christ of God came down from heaven." But when "Prophets of old times, speaking" are compared with his interpretation of particular parts of the Scripture, "The witnesses in wondrous works" with his views on various of them, and permission is given to hold anything concerning price, from "Absolute man tebernacled by the spirit of absolute God, what estimate can be placed up in the situation? What but this: If orthodoxy can

What but this: If orthodoxy can be attenuated and made hetrogeneous to the extent proposed by Dr. Abbott, it will have no more power against infidelity, false religion, or absorption in this material present life, than gold leaf and gauze would have against cannon balls and bullets.

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Dr. Buckley then reviews the sermon of the Rev. Dr. Abbott anent Jonah and the whale, and says in criticism:

The statement that 'the people of Nineveh knew nothing, so far as the history indicates, of Jonah's sea experiences' is without weight.

The Christian church has always explained the reference to three days and three nights upon the method of computing time common among the Jews. Christ gave no sign to the generation. He did not offer them any sign. But the reference to Jonah caused Him, much after His manner, to make a reference to the crown and consummation of all his miracles.

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Suys:

We could ever have believed that such
a passage could have found its way into
an editorial in a religious publication as
this: 'Outside of ecclesiastical circles
this story invariably produces a smile.

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says:
"The question at issue between the modern critic and the old orthodoxy is not an insignificant one. It is not

M'KINLEY HAS THE GPIP.

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He admitted that he had seen Warner Miller, of New York, in Cleveland, and added that Miller came to Canton merely

The fact is, McKinley had arranged for an important conference with Miller on the New York situation. The ex-Senator went to McKinley's house, but on his arrival was denied audience with the Major, told to call again Thursday, and left for Cleveland. There he had a short chat with Hanna, and left early to-night for

plans political. It seems that several dis-tinguished men like Miller had "dates" with McKinley this week. Some were on the train speeding here when McKinley fell sick, and they were telegraphed en route

to postpone their call.

The filling of the two Cabinet places would have been made this week but for McKinley's illness. Hanna's visit to-night A Tearful Quarrel Over the Furnishing has something to do with the final make up of the Cabinet. It is something more than a friendly call on a sick friend. Because of this Iliness the Major may ask Hanna to go ahead and use his best judgment about the two Cabinet offices yet to to be chosen. So far McKinley has chosen his own Cabinet. Now that he is sick he mar let Hanna have a hand in it.

WOULD HOBART SUCCEED?

of McKinley Being Too III to Be

A study of the book of Jonah shows abundance of reasons for the miracle. The imposed upon him, not fully aware that the God of the Hebrews was the God of the whole universe, fancled he could escape. A miracle was therefore wrought to teach Ionah that the God of the Hebrews is the Major McKinley may yet set a precedent in the manner of Presidential succession. It has caused some concern here and the question has been asked to-day more than once, What would happen if he were too lill to be inaugurated on the 4th of March?

In criticising Dr. Abbot's article in the once, What would happen if he were too lill to be inaugurated on the 4th of March?

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Broadly speaking, if Major McKinley is named after him. too ill to take the oath of office on the fourth of March, Vice-President Hobart becomes the acting President. He would for his father at a few dollars a week,

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We do not wonder that Colonel Ingresoil at once selzed upon the incident and endeavored to ally himself to the preacher who would deny the literal truth of that narrative and strive to eliminate from the Gospel of Matthew a passage in the way of such dealnd. There is, however, this for this.

There is, however, the first providing for the election of a Fresident and a Vice-President says:

"The additor of the Christian Advocate further attacks the pastor of Flymouth Church when he quotes from a signed editorial in the Outlook of January 25, in which Dr. Abbot says that one must expect to find errors in the Bible, but that they should not militate against the value of the book. In this connection Editor Buckley says:

It is quite immaterial to him that the world was not made in six days; that there never was a universal deluge, and that Abraham mistook the volce of conscience calling on him to consecrate his son to God and interpreted it as a command to sing his son as a burnt offering. In closing his criticism of Dr. Abbot's says:

"The question at Issue between the"

the duties of his office. It would be under the clause of "Inability to act" that a serious liness of Major McKinley would be classed, and, so say the constitutional lawyers, the Vice-President would act as President until the disability was removed.

It is not such a plain case as this which puzzles the constitutional lawyers, but it is the shade of contingency which comes with it. Who shall decide whether the President lawyers and solve her. Florence, the youngest of the family, during the days when she fell in love with Philip Snyder worked

gazed at us that never glanced our way before, and ever and anon we heard such words as "progressive," "liberal," "up to

Alas for the transitoriness of popularity based on the emphatic utterances of a trulem old as the centuries! Yet the incident shows what a great fire in combustible materials a little matter kindleth.

said and what was meant to be said had the time allowed, and much more, will be apread before the readers of this paper, and uttered when and where it seems fitting, headlines or

graphed to us, who took the same train for for opportunity for conversation, we said and say: "Your enterprise is commendable; what you are doing, but never have had an 'interview' for publication, and cannot be-

Ministers who discussed Dr. Buckley and the infallibility of the Bible, yesterday

Bishop Andrews, of New York-I really do not know what to say, for the simple reason that I wast not present to hear what he had to say. I am certain that if he said anything whatever, that he said something worth listening to, for Dr. Buckley never says anything that it not worth hearing. The fact of the matter is this: He started out with a topic on Monday. and at the end of his ten minutes, he had said nothing of any real moment, because his time had expired. Goodness only knows what he would have said had he been allowed the full limit. As far as the verbal inaccuracy of the Bible is concerned, I do not care to express an opinion at this time.

Bishop John Fletcher Hurst-Dr Buckley is unquestionably in accord with the advanced thought of the Christian Church of to-day. No advanced theologian admits to-day that the Bible, as translated into English, is infailible. We all realize that in the translation many errors must have occurred, and Dr. Buckley simply tells what has been told by theologians

since the beginning of this century. Rev. John Hall, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church-Never was there a time when there were more fulthful adherents to bellef in the infallibility of the Bible than now, Never have there been as many copies of the Bible in circulation among the people I do not think there is any nuusual tendency toward scepticism at this time. When a mun makes an attack upon the Bible he gains more note-

Star Actors in a Breach of Promise Suit. Miss Florence Robinson is the daughter of a railroad flagman in Flatbash.

Philip Snyder is the impecunious son of an old Dutch family in that village. They were engaged to be married. The bride-elect quarrelled with Snyder's mother about furnishing a flat, and the engagement was broken. Now she sues for breach of promise, but says she doesn't want the \$25,000. She sues for the sake

then as it does now. It has never been claimed that the Bible is infallable, except as a dogma of the church.

Dr. J. H. Rylance, St. Mark's Episcopal Church—It is almost humiliating to hear that men of Christian education are still wranging over questions long ago settled by all well informed students of the Bible. It is absurd to talk of the infalibility of an imperfectly translated Bible. But these errors of translation only concern minor matters, and as a rule are of no profound importance. It is on the Bible as a whole in the original Greek that a majority of Christian scholars are agreed.

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Baptist Church, Brooklyn.—The recent attacks upon the infallibility of the
Bible signify that it is being read more
than ever before, and is being more generally accepted as an inspired book than
ever before. Rev. Mr. Buckley's attitude, I am certain, has been much misunderstood. I think it will be found
that he attacks only the fallibility of
the translators of the King James version.

Lyman Abbott is a propagandist of the weakest utterances of Henry Ward Beecher. Toward the last Mr. Beecher was liable to preach something on Sunday, something different during the week and still something eise on the following Sunday. Abbott is following his example, and is deteriorating. He is not the Lyman Abbott to-day who a few years ago wrote Abbott's Dictionary of the Bible.

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Dr. Buckley also has a word to say in his editorials about Dr. Lyman Abbott. Among his caustic utterances are these:

A close study of Dr. Abbott's utterances—not in the sensational reports against which he justly complains, but in the carefully prepared editorials and signed articles in the Outlook—leads to the conclusion that he is not orthodox in any sense which justifies his indorsement by those who desire to "Contend".

merely a question of dates and author-ship—a question, whether Moses wrote the Pentateuch, or how many of the Psalms were written by David, or whether there were two Isalhs, or only one. It is a profoundly serious thing. The old orthodoxy is right in regarding the new criticism ar revolutionary.

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Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn—The great result of the present careful literary study of the Bible will be to increase reverence for it and to strengthen faith in its luspiration, to make clearer the revelation of oGd which it contains, and to increase its spiritual and real authority over the hearts and consciences of men. That has always been the effect of careful, critical study of the Bible in the past, and I have no doubt that will be the effect of the present revival of Bible study by more thorough and more scholarly methods than those of the past.

The action of the Methodist ministers in disavowing belief in the infallibility of the Bible as it stands in the English version does not surprise me. It would surprise me to find a single one believing in it. None of us believe that every word of the translations is correct, but that does not affect the original books of the Bible. I cannot, in a few words, fully explain my position regarding inspiration, revelation and infallibility.

But I do not throw aside Jones and

clais, or should his friends and advisers decide it?

If it depends on the President-elect himself, he would take the onth if he were able to whisper "I do." He might be incapacitated, and every one might know it. He himself might be certain that he could live only a few days and yet to round out his ambition be would take the oath. If it depended on his physician the physician might not be above party fealty. If it depended on friends the President-elect might be placed under such obligations that his Administration might become a reproach. It is this view of the case that worries the constitutional lawyers and makes them think that some more definite provision should be made.

Would Take Cath in Canton.

In any particular piace. One of the members of the Supreme Court could administer it just as well in Canton as in Washington. There is a precedent in this respect. Vice-President Arthur took the earth of office privately in New York just as sond office in the early morning after Lincoin died in yellow the earth of th

imously, Baker by a party vote.

SUES NOT FOR CASH BUT SELF-RESPECT.

for a social call, on Major McKinley's A Flagman's Daughter Hales Her Former Lover to Court.

There has been a terrific disruption of They Both Seem More Inclined to Kiss and Make Up Than to Testify.

PARTED BY A PROUD MOTHER.

of a Little Flat Followed by a Broken Engagement.

A breach of promise trial, begun yester-day, before Justice Osborne, in the Supreme Court, sitting in Brooklyn, was as full of romance as one of Scott's novelsnot a suggestion of impropriety, but the tearing asunder of two youthful hearts Constitutional Lawyers Puzzled as to Effect by a parent, and an action at law for \$25,000 damages, primarily designed not to get money, but to explain to the world

for Herman Degarhardt, of Flatbush, as his cashler and stenographer, and got \$4 a week. The family then lived over Snyder & Co.'s branch store, of which Philip was in charge. The young people met at an exempt fireman's ball, being introduced by Hutcheon, who was Philip's chum.

Philip did not see her again for a year. After that they met frequently, and at last, on Christmas eve, 1894, he gave her a ring and they dated their engagement from Christmas Day.

Then came the purchase of furniture, Florence, her sister Lucy and Mrs. Snyder went to a department store in Brooklyn to see what they could do, and there they fell out, because Mrs. Snyder said Florence had extravagant tastes. She wanted too good parlor carpet and a sideboard better than Mrs. Snyder bad in her own dining

Mrs. Snyder said that what was good enough for her was good enough for a flagman's daughter, and asked her to understand that Philip had no money except what he was borrowing from his-elder brother.

are both too young, and Florence is too There is no law requiring the oath of flighty and too giddy. We have talked it office to be taken either in Washington or in any particular place. One of the members of the Supreme Court could admin-

the Senate to-day. Cole and Dunn unan-the Maker by a party vote. ONE HONEST MAN

dresses.

"When she went with her mother to buy furniture I told her not to be extravagant, as I was not a millionaire. She picked out a \$45 sideboard, and said even that was not good enough; but, anyway, I bought one for \$21.75. It was the same about the parior furniture and the carpets, and I couldn't pay the bill. I had taken a flat at No. 765 Flatbush arenue, and the furniture was sent there. Then came the trouble and the orgagement was broken."

He was telling his story very dolefully when Justice Osborne declared an adjournment till 10 a. m, to-day.

WHITNEY'S BOND FORFE I.

lieve There Was a Bond Sale Deal.

Camden, N. J., February 16.-Notwith- of Mr. Whitney. standing the fact that the Finance Committee yesterday celled off the sale of the \$400,000 worth of water bonds to E. C. Jones & Co., the Committee of One Hundred is not going to let the matter rest. They believe there was a deal between the Finance Committee and the firm, and intend to have a thorough investigation.

To-day Lawyer Bleakley went to Trenton to secure a writ from the Supreme Court authorizing the taking of testimony, and it is proposed to show that the granting of the bonds was illegal.

The Finance Committee will advertise for public bids for the bonds. standing the fact that the Finance Commit-

It gave her money for hats and WHITNEY'S BOND FORFE T.

of customs regulations. The Rosemary REFORMERS WANT TO PROBE. formerly belonged to the Taichot Castle Yacht Club, of the Isle of Wight. It was nden's Committee of One Hundred Be- purchased by Gerald Paget, a brother of Almeric Hugh Paget, who is a son-in-law

It was brought to this country in Au-

Fine Cabinet Photographs, \$1.50 Per Dozen.



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